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# TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

A MEETING of members of the Council of the American Folk-Lore Society was held at the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, on Friday, Dec. 28, 1917.

It was voted that only "Journals" and self-paying "Memoirs" be issued during the forthcoming year, reserving resources for current necessary work actually in hand.

The resignation of Dr. A. M. Tozzer as Treasurer was reported, but not acted upon.

A panel of officers for the ensuing year was prepared.

A resolution to be presented to the Society on the subject of the Newell Fund was draughted.

A vote of thanks, suggested by Professor Franz Boas of New York (*in absentia*), was passed, appreciating the assistance rendered by the Secretary in matters of publication.

The following Reports of the Editor, Secretary, and Treasurer were read and accepted:—

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The membership of the Society, including the libraries subscribing to the Journal, is as follows:—

	1916.	1917.
Honorary members.....	10	8
Life members.....	11	11
Annual members.....	<u>380</u>	<u>385</u>
	401	404
Subscribing libraries.....	170	169

Th Secretary announces with great regret the death of Sir Edward Burnett Tylor, the "Father of English anthropology," and of Dr. Juan B. Ambrosetti of Buenos Aires, honorary members of the Society

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary*.

## EDITOR'S REPORT.

During the year 1917 four numbers of the Journal have been printed, — the last number for the year 1916 appeared early in the year, — and three numbers for the year 1917 have been completed. The first number of the year is a French number, material for which was brought together by Mr. Barbeau. The second number is a Negro number, material for which was obtained by Mrs. Parsons. The

third number is an English number, the contents of which have been contributed largely by Professor Kittredge. The last number of the year will be devoted to Indian folk-lore.

During the present year the publication of the Memoirs of the Society has been resumed, and two Memoirs have been completed, — Volume X, "Spanish-American Folk-Songs," by Eleanor Hague; and Volume XI, "Folk-Tales of Salishan and Sahaptin Tribes," by James A. Teit, Marian K. Gould, Livingston Farrand, Herbert J. Spinden. Volume XIII, "The Folk-Tales of Andros Island, Bahamas," by Elsie Clews Parsons, is in the hands of the printer. The manuscript for Volume XII, "Filipino Popular Tales," by Dean S. Fansler, is in the hands of the Editor; and the manuscript for Volume XIV, an index to the first twenty-five volumes of the Journal, is practically completed. The Editor wishes to express his appreciation of the painstaking work done by Miss M. L. Taylor on the Index, and hopes that the printing of the volume may soon be taken up.

The publication of the scientific material offered to the Society for publication presents a number of serious problems. The size of the Journal is no longer adequate for taking care of the varied material for which we have to provide. During the past year a very large amount of English-Canadian folk-lore has been collected and edited by our indefatigable collaborator, Mr. Barbeau. This is to be printed at an early time during the coming year. Material for a new Spanish number and for a new French number is ready for the printer, and a very considerable amount of good American Indian material awaits publication. It seems quite necessary that longer papers should be relegated to supplementary volumes, and that the size of the Journal should not exceed approximately four hundred pages. With the increased cost of printing, it is quite impossible to furnish all the material printed by the Society to its members for the subscription price of three dollars.

FRANZ BOAS, *Editor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1917.

GENERAL FUND.

*Receipts.*

Balance, 1916.....	\$1,893.35	
Membership dues.....	1,078.55	
Sale of Journals by Stechert.....	385.41	
Sale of Journals to Canada.....	145.00	
Sale of old metal.....	3.84	
Association International Comm. for Peace, for Hispanic Number..	200.00	
Interest.....	26.89	\$3,733.04
Total receipts.....		<u>\$3,733.04</u>

*Expenditures.*

New Era Printing Company, for manufacture of Journals:

July-September, 1916.....	\$324.35	
October-December, 1916.....	685.14	
January-April, 1917.....	440.89	
April-June, 1917.....	374.62	
Miss Andrews, work on Journal.....	275.00	
A. Espinosa, work on Journal.....	25.00	
Miss Taylor, work on Index for 1916.....	69.00	
Rebates to Branches.....	84.50	
Printing.....	5.50	
Postage.....	5.00	
Collections.....	.36	
To credit of the Publication Fund.....	561.50	
Total expenditures.....		\$2,850.86
Balance for 1918.....		882.18
		<u>\$3,733.04</u>

## PUBLICATION FUND.

*Receipts.*

Subscriptions to Fund.....	\$47.50	
Sale of Memoirs by Stechert.....	88.05	
Sale of Volume XI by Treasurer.....	74.30	
Advance from General Fund.....	561.50	
Total receipts.....		<u>\$771.35</u>

*Expenditures.*

New Era Printing Co., Volume XI, Memoirs.....	\$659.00	
G. Beaverson, music for volume.....	112.35	
Total expenditures.....		<u>\$771.35</u>

ALFRED W. TOZZER, *Treasurer.*

The annual meeting of the American Folk-Lore Society was held immediately following the Council meeting in the Auditorium of the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, in affiliation with the American Anthropological Association, Dr. J. L. Swanton in the Chair.

It was voted to designate those assisting the Editor in the publication of the Journal as "Associate Editors."

The nominations for officers for the year 1918 prepared by the Council were unanimously elected.

PRESIDENT, C. M. Barbeau.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT, G. L. Kittredge.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT, J. Walter Fewkes.

COUNCILLORS, for three years, J. L. Swanton, E. K. Putnam,<sup>1</sup> Stith Thompson;<sup>1</sup> for two years, R. B. Dixon, E. Sapir, A. L. Kroeber; for one year, Phillips Barry, S. A. Barrett,<sup>1</sup> A. M. Espinosa.

EDITOR, Franz Boas.

<sup>1</sup> New elections.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS, G. L. Kittredge, A. M. Espinosa, Elsie Clews Parsons, C.-M. Barbeau.

PERMANENT SECRETARY, C. Peabody.

TREASURER, A. M. Tozzer.

A communication from Dr. Marcel Baudouin, Secretary of the Société Préhistorique Française, was reported by the Secretary. In this communication the congratulations of the French *savants* to their American *confrères* on the entrance of the United States into the war against Germany were expressed.

As the meeting was a joint one with the American Anthropological Association, the Secretaries of both Societies were directed, on motion of Dr. Kroeber, to express the members' appreciation of the message to the Société Préhistorique Française.

The Secretary announced that Mrs. Jane Newell Moore had paid over to the Society the sum of two thousand dollars in two one-thousand-dollar bonds, Liberty Loan, four per cent issue of 1917, this being the amount of the legacy left by her brother, Mr. W. W. Newell, to the American Folk-Lore Society. The Society passed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Moore for the payment of this amount.

It was voted that this legacy be considered principal under the title of the "Newell Fund." The following papers were then read:—

"Note on the Ground Hog Day Myth and its Origin," H. Newell Wardle, Philadelphia.

"Northwestern and Siberian Folk-Tales," Harley Stamp, Philadelphia.

"Bird-Lore of the Northeastern Algonkins," Frank G. Speck, Philadelphia.

"The Treatment of Nakis Nez Batcilla Bega of Se La Daskon," Lewis Clinton Day and Harley Stamp.

"The Marriage of the Electric Eel," W. C. Farabee, Philadelphia.

"Reconstruction of Ethnic Types from Cranial Remains," H. H. Wilder, Northampton, Mass.

The following was read by title:—

"The Miztec Song of the Sun," Stansbury Hagar, Brooklyn.

At the afternoon session, same date and place, further papers were read as follows:—

"Hartland's Theory of the Priority of Matrilineal Kinship," Truman Michelson, Washington.

"Form and Content in Totemism," A. A. Goldenweiser, New York.

Read by title: "Social Organization of the Kwakiutl Indians," Franz Boas, New York.

The meeting was then taken in charge by the American Anthro-

pological Association for the presentation of the presidential address before that Society.

A joint Committee on Resolutions of the two associations was appointed as follows: Dr. C. Wissler, Dr. C. Peabody, Mr. N. C. Nelson.

On their recommendation, the cordial thanks of the Societies were voted to the University of Pennsylvania for its hospitality in extending the use of its buildings, and for its invitations to luncheon on Dec. 28, and to a supper and smoker on the evening of the same day; cordial thanks were also voted to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wilson for their invitation to a "Cliff-Dwellers' Luncheon" in the Commercial Museum on Dec. 27.

CHARLES PEABODY, *Secretary.*